

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11 and 23-26 have been allowed. Claims 12-22 stand rejected. Claims 12 and 22 have been amended. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, the applicants respectfully ask for the Examiner's thoughtful reconsideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC §101

Claims 12-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 12 and 22 have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns. In particular, Claims 12-22 each recite a computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for causing a print engine to generate a halftone and that the medium includes various instructions for doing so.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-36 define allowable subject matter. The Examiner is requested to indicate the allowability of all claims in the application and to pass the application to issue.

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